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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16a-27 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) The secretary, after consultation with all appropriate state,
4 regional and local agencies and other appropriate persons, shall, prior
5 to March 1, 2012, complete a revision of the existing plan and enlarge it
6 to include, but not be limited to, policies relating to transportation,
7 energy and air.

8 (b) Any revision made after May 15, 1991, shall identify the major
9 transportation proposals, including proposals for mass transit,
10 contained in the master transportation plan prepared pursuant to
11 section 13b-15.

12 (c) Any revision made after July 1, 1995, shall take into
13 consideration the conservation and development of greenways that
14 have been designated by municipalities and shall recommend that
15 state agencies coordinate their efforts to support the development of a

16 state-wide greenways system. The Commissioner of Environmental
17 Protection shall identify state-owned land for inclusion in the plan as
18 potential components of a state greenways system.

19 [(b)] (d) Any revision made after August 20, 2003, shall take into
20 account (1) economic and community development needs and patterns
21 of commerce, and (2) linkages of affordable housing objectives and
22 land use objectives with transportation systems.

23 [(c)] (e) Any revision made after March 1, 2006, shall (1) take into
24 consideration risks associated with natural hazards, including, but not
25 limited to, flooding, high winds and wildfires; (2) identify the potential
26 impacts of natural hazards on infrastructure and property; and (3)
27 make recommendations for the siting of future infrastructure and
28 property development to minimize the use of areas prone to natural
29 hazards, including, but not limited to, flooding, high winds and
30 wildfires.

31 [(d)] (f) Any revision made after July 1, 2005, shall describe the
32 progress towards achievement of the goals and objectives established
33 in the previously adopted state plan of conservation and development
34 and shall identify (1) areas where it is prudent and feasible (A) to have
35 compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use
36 development patterns and land reuse, and (B) to promote such
37 development patterns and land reuse, (2) priority funding areas
38 designated under section 16a-35c, and (3) corridor management areas
39 on either side of a limited access highway or a rail line. In designating
40 corridor management areas, the secretary shall make
41 recommendations that (A) promote land use and transportation
42 options to reduce the growth of traffic congestion; (B) connect
43 infrastructure and other development decisions; (C) promote
44 development that minimizes the cost of new infrastructure facilities
45 and maximizes the use of existing infrastructure facilities; and (D)
46 increase intermunicipal and regional cooperation.

47 [(e)] (g) Any revision made after October 1, 2008, shall (1) for each

48 policy recommended (A) assign a priority; (B) estimate funding for
 49 implementation and identify potential funding sources; (C) identify
 50 each entity responsible for implementation; and (D) establish a
 51 schedule for implementation; and (2) for each growth management
 52 principle, determine three benchmarks to measure progress in
 53 implementation of the principles, one of which shall be a financial
 54 benchmark.

55 [(f)] (h) Any revision made after October 1, 2009, shall take into
 56 consideration the protection and preservation of Connecticut Heritage
 57 Areas.

58 [(g)] (i) Thereafter on or before March first in each revision year the
 59 secretary shall complete a revision of the plan of conservation and
 60 development.

61 Sec. 2. Section 16a-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 62 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

63 (a) The secretary shall present a draft of the revised plan of
 64 conservation and development for preliminary review to the
 65 continuing legislative committee on state planning and development
 66 prior to September first in 2011 and prior to September first in each
 67 prerevision year thereafter.

68 (b) After December first in 2011 and after December first in each
 69 prerevision year thereafter the secretary shall proceed with such
 70 further revisions of the draft of the revised plan of conservation and
 71 development as [he] the secretary deems appropriate. The secretary
 72 shall, by whatever means [he] the secretary deems advisable, publish
 73 said plan and disseminate it to the public on or before March first in
 74 revision years. The secretary shall post the plan on the Internet web
 75 site of the state.

76 (c) Not later than five months after publication of said revised plan
 77 the secretary shall hold public hearings, in cooperation with regional
 78 planning agencies, to solicit comments on said plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	16a-27
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	16a-28

PD *Joint Favorable*